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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA DEMARCHED ON TOBACCO CONTROL CONVENTION

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¶1. PolOff discussed reftel points and left non-paper with Sylvia Corado, Director for Multilateral Affairs at the Foreign Ministry on May 5, 2003. Corado expressed appreciation for the Spanish language version of the non-paper, saying it would help her prod the Health Ministry.

Corado said it was unclear, even at this late date, if the Health Ministry would send representatives to the May 19 - 28 World Health Organization Assembly in Geneva due to budget problems. She said the GOG understood the U.S. need to be able to ratify the convention with reservations, but was noncommittal as to whether Guatemala would support efforts to delete Article 30 (prohibiting reservations).

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